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TEN CENTS A WEEK

## THREE INJURED IN TRANSPORT FIRE

Twenty Men Overcome By The Deadly Fumes

SEVERAL REPORTED AS MISSING

Fire Breaks Out In Hold of Transport Meade Lying at Wharf in San Francisco, with Disastrous Results to Men and Cargo.

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—Fire broke out in the hold of the transport Meade lying at her wharf. The fire raged four hours, despite the efforts of the fire department.

Fully twenty men were overcome by the deadly fumes, and at least three men were injured fatally. The dead, Third Officer George Wallace, of Meade.

B. H. Hennessey, lineman of engine company No. 4.

Captain Charles Dakin, of engine company No. 4.

The following are reported as missing, supposedly in the hold unconscious and perhaps dead:

Charles Gill, operator for Chief Fernandez.

George Brown, of Engine No. 12.

W. R. Eagan, of engine No. 12.

One of the sailors of the Meade, name unknown.

The injured:

Captain George Wilson, of the Meade has shoulder broken.

First Officer LaSack, of the Meade.

H. Dahl, second officer of the United States Transport service.

Louis Cook, foreman of truck No. 15.

Battalion Chief Fernandez, of the fire department.

Lieutenant John Gilbert, of engine No. 12.

Captain D. R. Sewell, of engine No. 12.

Lieutenant A. Matlock, of engine No. 9.

Gabriel Cuneo, a fireman.

The Meade was to have sailed on Thursday for Manila, with 1,000 men on board of the Second Infantry, and the Eighth and Thirtieth batteries of light artillery. The forepart of the ship, where the fire broke out, contained the personal effects of the officers and men of the regiments en route to Manila.

The vessel had also on board a cargo of 3,000 tons of commissary and quartermasters' supplies consigned to the Philippines.

It is impossible to state at this hour the extent of the damage to the ship and her cargo.

Third Officer Wallace was a native of Sydney, N. S. W., and was 25 years of age.

Will Not Discuss Plans.

London, Feb. 2.—Sir Thomas Lipton will not discuss at present his plans to challenge for the America's cup in 1907. He points out that under the rules it is not necessary to challenge till the fall of this year, and until then he will not say what his proposals will be. It is understood, however, that Alfred Myles, of Glasgow, will design the challenger and that the Denny, of Dunbarton, will build the yacht.

Charter for New Road.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 2.—A charter has been granted by the state board of railroads incorporation to the Memphis and New Orleans Railroad company for a line paralleling the Mississippi river, a distance of 175 miles. Crittendon county to the Louisiana state line. The capital stock is \$6,250,000. The list of incorporators includes two ex-governors, officials—L. F. Parker and C. H. Gentry.

Boxer Uprising Feared.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 2.—A rumor received by the chamber of commerce of fear of an uprising among the Chinese. Applications for the registration of the Chinese are in such numbers that the police department, which has authority to register foreigners, has been taken to assign other men to the formal process of the registration, and to quell the rumors.

## VARDAMAN LED THE MILITARY

Governor of Mississippi Prevents Mob from Lynching Negro.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 2.—Deputy Sheriff Mingo, of Covington county, brought Tom Fifer, negro, father-in-law of Will Robinson, the negro who shot and killed Sheriff Robertson, of Covington county, and lodged him in jail.

Robinson, the real murderer, having escaped, a mob had formed to hang the negro, but the deputy drove him across country to DeLo, and there met a special train, on which a detail of the Capital Light Guards, under the personal command of Governor Vardaman, was met.

The negro was landed safe in Jackson by his escort.

## Working Against Hazing.

New York, Feb. 2.—Women of the Minerva club are working to have hazing abolished in colleges. They have obtained endorsement from the presidents of almost all the prominent universities in the country, and are now framing a bill making hazing a crime. They hope to have it introduced in congress at this session. While approving the movement and giving their signatures to the resolution, several university heads suggested that the surest way of eliminating brutality from college life is to establish gentleness by mothers in the home.

## Will Adopt New Cavalry Bridles.

Washington, Feb. 2.—As a result of the visit of General Chaffee and the party of American officers to France last summer where they viewed the French maneuvers, the general staff has decided to adopt the bit and bridle on principle for cavalry bridles. This contemplates the use of both straight and curb bit with two sets of reins. General Chaffee was impressed with perfect control which the French troops had over their horses in the cavalry drills.

## Will Stop Reckless Auto Driving.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—City and park authorities have united in a determined attempt to stop reckless automobile driving in Chicago's streets. Police records show that 20 per cent of the 110 instances of persons being killed and maimed by automobiles during the last year can be laid directly to the careless and criminal chauffeurs sent out by the garages and automobile companies as "experts."

## Virginia's Governor Inaugurated.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 2.—Claude A. Swanson, of Chatham, who began public life as a member of the fifty-third congress, and has been re-elected to every congress since, was inaugurated governor of Virginia, and J. Taylor E. Tyson, of Richmond, former mayor, a confederate veteran, and for the past 14 years chairman of the Democratic state committee, was inaugurated as lieutenant governor Thursday.

## Coffin Wrapped in Confederate Flags.

New York, Feb. 2.—A special to the Tribune from Baltimore says that Rev. Matthew O'Keefe was buried under the canopy of the Catholic church Wednesday, of which he had built at Leweson. In accordance with a request made long before he died, three confederate flags were wrapped about his coffin. He was a chaplain of Mason's Brigade.

## Jewelry Valued at \$700 Stolen.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—Two armed robbers entered the Republic Loan bank Wednesday night, compelled the two clerks to kneel behind one of the counters, closed the cash register, and stole \$700 in cash, with watches, diamonds, and other jewelry, and escaped. The police are hunting for them.

## Killed Wife, Wounds Self.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 2.—William Thompson, a local man, shot and killed his wife, and wounded himself. He was taken to the hospital.

## Samson Volcano Emptying.

Honolulu, Feb. 2.—The volcano of Samson, one of the Samoan islands, is emptying. The lava, after about 15 miles of travel, extended down into the ocean.

## U. S. IMPORTS ARE DOUBLED IN VALUE

Bulletin Gives Figures For Last Seven Years.

BILLIONS IN VALUE AGGREGATED

The Increase in Importations Is Distributed Through All Classes and Practically All Articles of Merchandise According to Statistics.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The imports into the United States have practically doubled in value in the last seven years, according to a bulletin issued by the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor.

In the calendar year, 1905, the imports aggregated in value \$1,179,000,000 as against \$655,000,000 in the calendar year 1898. The figures of 1898 included merchandise from Porto Rico and Hawaii, now customs districts of the United States. If, the bulletin says, the value of the merchandise brought from those islands in 1905 be added to the bureau's statement of imports from foreign countries, the grand total for 1905 would be \$1,234,000,000.

The increase in importations is distributed through all classes and practically all articles of merchandise.

Food stuffs increased \$81,000,000, a gain of 45 per cent; manufactures increased \$1,000,000, or a gain of 87 per cent; luxuries increased \$76,000,000, or 70 per cent, and manufacturers' materials increased \$304,000,000, or 117 per cent.

These figures do not include merchandise from Hawaii and Porto Rico during the year 1907. Cotton manufactures of all kinds increased from \$29,000,000 to \$54,000,000; silk manufactures \$25,000,000 to \$31,000,000; cigars and cigarettes \$1,750,000 to about \$4,000,000 and in addition to this \$2,000,000 worth were received from Porto Rico last year.

## Woman Accidentally Shoots Man.

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 2.—Eugene E. Hughes, of Hillsboro, N. C., was shot and slightly injured Wednesday by his niece, Miss Vera L. Truner, also of Hillsboro. It was stated that Hughes came to Wilmington for the purpose of inducing his daughter to return home to her studies at a business college and that a pistol taken by the girl from Hughes the day before was accidentally discharged as Miss Turner returned it to her uncle.

## Accident Insurance Restricted.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 2.—Notice has been issued by Superintendent of State Insurance Vandiver that after Feb. 1 no identification of registry company, or agents thereof, will be allowed to write accident insurance for any accident company licensed to do business in Missouri. Superintendent Vandiver contends that the law does not allow accident companies to place insurance through the registry or identification companies.

## Naval Courtmartial Adjourns.

Annapolis, Feb. 2.—The courtmartial which has been engaged in trying midshipmen on charges of hazing for over four weeks at the naval academy, adjourned Thursday with the consent of the reviewing authority, Admiral J. H. Sands, to meet on Feb. 13, next. The purpose of the adjournment at this time is to avoid interference with the examinations which began Wednesday.

## Three Killed by Cavein.

Orlando, N. Y., Feb. 2.—Three men were killed and four injured by a cavein of earth in a coal mine which occurred in the Erie county tunnel, which is now being reconstructed near here. The cavein took place from the lower end of the tunnel. The accident caused the death of three men.

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## VETS WILL HONOR WHEELER.

Big Memorial Meeting To Be Held in Atlanta, Feb. 25.

Washington, Feb. 2.—A big memorial meeting in Atlanta on Feb. 25th in honor of the late General Joseph Wheeler, and which will at the same time furnish the occasion for a reunion of the men who wore the blue and the gray, was planned at a meeting here of Camp A. Wheeler's cavalry, of Atlanta, Ga.

At this meeting it is proposed to have President Roosevelt and the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Confederate Veterans as well as the veterans of the Spanish war present.

"Corporal" Tamm, at the head of the Grand Army of the Republic, already has accepted the invitation and later a delegation will be sent from Atlanta to Washington to invite the president. It is proposed that the matter of erecting a monument to General Wheeler in Arlington will be actively discussed at the meeting.

Before leaving for their homes the camp elected Colonel T. H. Jones, of Atlanta, chairman of the committee on arrangements. It was stated that the intention to hold the memorial meeting was explained to the members of General Wheeler's family and that it was approved of by them.

## Discuss Measures of Insurance.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—More than 100 of state officials, including several governors, commissioners of insurance, attorneys general and representatives of insurance companies, were present at the opening session of the national convention on Thursday called to discuss measures of control of insurance companies in the various states. T. E. Drake, insurance commissioner of the District of Columbia, presided at the opening session, and called the convention to order.

## President Makes Nominations.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The president has nominated Major General John C. Bates, at present chief of staff, to be lieutenant general to succeed Lieutenant General Adna R. Chaffee, retired, this day. He also nominated Brigadier General A. W. Greeley, chief signal officer, to be major general of the line to succeed General Bates as major general; also Colonel James Allen to be brigadier general and chief of the signal corps to succeed General Greeley.

## Roosevelt Takes Prompt Action.

Washington, Feb. 2.—President Roosevelt took prompt action on the telegram of Thomas T. Hayes, department commander of the legion of Spanish War Veterans, and John H. Dunn, formerly captain of the Twenty-eighth United States volunteers, of Boston, regarding the case of John J. Bowes, the former United States soldier whom it is alleged had been denied a landing at Boston, where he arrived from Ireland on the 19th instant.

## Express Companies Fighting Tax.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 2.—The several express companies doing business in Texas today filed in the twenty-sixth district state court injunction proceedings against the state of Texas as to prevent the comptroller collecting a 2 1/2 per cent tax on their gross earnings as demanded by the law passed by the recently adjourned legislature. A temporary injunction was granted.

## Requisition for Cochran.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 2.—Governor Beckham has made requisition on the governor of Louisiana for the return to this state of Sol Cochran, wanted in Calhoun county to answer to the charge of homicide. The crime was committed ten years ago, and was committed by the late John Cochran, who was killed by Cochran. Cochran killed a man named Kelly and a dog named Kelly.

## To Return Confederate Flags.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Representative James H. McMillan is expected to introduce a bill which will require the return of the Confederate flags to the government. The bill will require the return of the flags to the government.

## TEXAS AFFIDAVITS MAY SAVE PATRICK

Westerners Swear That Valet Jones Has Confessed.

SAY LAWYER IS INNOCENT MAN

In Confession Valet Jones Is Alleged to Have Said that Patrick Was in No Way to Blame for the Death of Millionaire Rice.

New York, Feb. 2.—Among the affidavits filed in support of the application for a new trial for Albert Patrick is one by Alexander B. Stanbury, a corporal of the Thirtieth United States Infantry. After Charles F. Jones, the valet of William Marsh Rice, the murdered man, and who was the principal witness against Patrick went back to Texas, Stanbury says they met at the Slidestop oil fields. After shaking hands, Jones said:

"I hope you do not consider me as some of my other friends do—a murderer."

Stanbury says Jones told him he had made several confessions regarding the manner of Mr. Rice's death, and that they were all lies, and that Patrick was innocent of the murder charge.

Fayette Lee, a fisherman, of Lynchburg, Tex., swears Jones told him in April last year:

"I was so hounded and troubled by officers and harassed by them that I found that if I did not lay the blame on Patrick they would either take my life or send me to the penitentiary for life, so I just told the officers that Patrick was to blame for everything. Patrick did not tell me to chloroform Mr. Rice, nor did he in any way advise me to take the life of Mr. Rice, and Patrick was in no way to blame for his death."

Other Texas affidavits are to the same effect.

## New Trial Is Wanted.

Notice of a motion for a new trial in the case of Albert T. Patrick, on the ground of newly discovered evidence, was served late Thursday on the district attorney. The motion, which is returnable Feb. 9, was served by Patrick's counsel, Black, Olcott, Gruber & Bonyne.

The principal ground urged in the motion is substantially that new evidence has been obtained to show that William M. Rice, did not die of chloroform poisoning, but instead, died a natural death, and that Jones, the valet, since his release here has made many statements to persons in Texas to the effect that he never killed Rice.

One of these statements, all of which appear as sworn affidavits, is that Jones said he would return to New York and plead guilty to a charge of perjury if he was promised only a light sentence.

The notice includes many affidavits and statements by physicians who signify their willingness to testify for Patrick if a new trial is ordered.

## Upheld Rights of Judges.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 2.—The supreme court of Texas has upheld the right of district judges in this state to sue injunction to prevent the leasing of buildings for gaming purposes. The decision was rendered in the case of R. J. Allison, of Waco. It is claimed this will stamp out gambling in Texas. There has been a determined fight made against gambling in all of the cities of the state for some time.

## Carlisle Addresses Kentuckians.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 2.—Upon invitation of the Kentucky general assembly, Hon. John G. Carlisle, secretary of the treasury under President Cleveland, and a former Kentuckian, addressed the body for a few minutes Thursday. He was afterwards tendered a grand reception.

## Griffin Pastor for Chattanooga.

Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 2.—Rev. Lester C. Griffin, of Knoxville, has been called to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church of Chattanooga. He will take possession of the church on Feb. 10.